

## **COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

All schools should strive toward establishing a coordinated school health team to enhance student health outcomes and academic achievement. The Coordinated School Health Program (CSH) concept is that healthy children are better learners

### **Definition**

CSH is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) model designed to coordinate health and education. This comprehensive approach to school health improves student's health and their capacity to learn through support of families, communities, and schools working together through prevention and intervention.

### **AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCE:**

16V.S.A.Chapter5§216-Wellnessprogram

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=16&Chapter=005&Section=00216>

### **SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLE:**

- Collaborate with administration/staff, VDH School Liaison, students and community members to establish a coordinated school health approach.
- Use Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) funds to assist in the development of a coordinated school Health team
- Serve as the facilitator of a school health team

### **RESOURCES:**

- Vermont Department of Health; School Health  
<http://healthvermont.gov/local/school/index.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/CSHP/>
- Department of Health and Human Services <http://www.hhs.gov/kids/>
- School Health Index developed by CDC & available at:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/index.htm>
- Shirer, PhD, K., Promoting Healthy Youth, Schools and Communities: A Guide to Community-School Health Advisory Councils, American Cancer Society, 2003
- Vermont Department of Education - <http://www.state.vt.us/educ/>

### **SAMPLE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND FORMS:**

Healthy Youth; CDC Coordinated School Health Program  
<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/cshp/>